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Richard D. Marry, et al.

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METHOD OF CALCULATING SORTING COSTS FOR CHARGEBACK ACCOUNTING FOR AN INCOMING MAIL SORTING APPARATUS

## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of two months to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 9, 2002.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a two months extension of time is \$410.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number 16-1885. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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